

To: **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission**  
From: **Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture**  
Subject: **Event Request – Music in the Air**  
Date: **October 4, 2017**



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**PURPOSE**

The Greater Victoria School District has submitted a request for a special event, Music in the Air, to be held on May 11, 2018 at Willows Park. The Commission is being asked to consider this request and make a decision on approval.

**BACKGROUND**

The event would involve performances by the choir from Willows Elementary, string students from Monterey Middle School and the band from Oak Bay Secondary. The purpose of the event is to raise public awareness of, and engagement with, School District 61 music programs. The application form is attached.

**ANALYSIS**

The date requested is a Thursday evening. There is no conflict at Willows Park with other annual or regular park activities. The application notes the event starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:30pm, so there is no concern that nearby residents will be impacted late into the evening.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission approves the Music in the Air event for May 11, 2018 as per the request from the Greater Victoria School District.

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Ray Herman  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

To: **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission**  
From: **Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture**  
Subject: **Heritage Conservation Area Working Group**  
Date: **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**



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**PURPOSE**

Council has established the Oak Bay Heritage Conservation Area Working Group to examine the possibility of establishing a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) in Oak Bay. It is proposed that a representative from the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission would sit as a member of the Working Group. Thus, the Commission needs to choose a representative.

**BACKGROUND**

A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Working Group is attached. In addition to the information in the Terms of Reference, staff have been advised that Council requested inclusion of a Commission member in order to ensure some level of expertise related to trees and tree-related issues as they pertain to heritage properties.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Commission select a representative to sit on the Oak Bay Heritage Conservation Area Working Group.

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Ray Herman  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

## **Programs**

### **Culture**

- The ArtsAlive Painted Pianos are now for sale, and were featured in an Oak Bay News article on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The pianos are for sale for personal use, or can be purchased and donated to a local charity for a tax receipt.
- ArtsAlive Painted Piano Cabaret and Sale celebration will take place on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Oak Bay Marina Dockside Eatery, from 5:30 to 7:30pm, featuring refreshments, live music, and cash bar.
- The Call to Artists for the 2018/2019 ArtsAlive Program will be sent out at the end of the month.
- An exhibit by local artist Mayumi Nogami and photographer Margaret McCormack is still on display in the Neighbourhood Learning Centre until October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Aquatics**

- The first set of fall swimming lessons has begun. Glenlyon Norfolk Jr. School has also returned for their Grade 1, 2 and 3 school lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Approximately 120 GNS students are registered in these lessons.
- The pool has a new piece of equipment! An aquatic Easy Ladder has been donated to the Oak Bay Recreation Centre by the Rotary Club of Oak Bay. This Easy Ladder will help swimmers who have difficulty accessing the pool with the current steep narrow wall ladder. Its purpose is to ensure all swimmers have easy access to and from the water and the continuous lane. It can be placed and removed from the pool with ease by the Aquatics Staff. Community feedback has been enthusiastically positive.



### **Community Recreation**

- Paddington Daycare welcomed seven new friends this fall. September was spent getting to know each other and the families. New to the daycare this fall is the introduction of dance lessons and Sportball lessons for the children.
- New registered programs at Henderson and Windsor Pavilion include a French Morning Munchkins parent and tot program, Tot Tuesdays at Henderson and Crafty Parent and Tots on the Thursdays.
- There were fifty-two children registered in the Skidaddle Pro D Day on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration was opened up to accommodate more children due to high demand.
- Kindergym weekday and weekend programs have sold out several times in the last two weeks in September.
- New drop-in program for families at Henderson is Kindie Crafts for children 3-5 years that starts on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. For a \$3 drop-in fee, children and parents can enjoy crafting stations and free play followed by circle time. This is a great option for parents who are not able to make it to Kindergym on Saturday mornings.

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- The afterschool care program welcomed back many returning children along with a lot of new families. Children enjoyed getting to know their leaders and each other, and participated in many new games, crafts, activities and explored the local neighborhood.
- Afterschool care is very busy with only part time spaces available at the Neighborhood Learning Centre and Henderson Recreation Centre.
- Campus View afterschool care has added 12 additional spots this fall. The children started 4 weeks of golf lessons on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fitness**

- Oak Bay High School students are using the fitness studio on Monday and Thursday mornings as a portion of a school course. It is great to see the students using the facility to develop a healthy lifestyle.

### **Monterey Centre**

- Monterey kicked off the month with a Discover Monterey Open House on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Over 30 Monterey Recreation Activity Association Clubs and Volunteer led drop in activities participated. Courses, trips, events and the Nursing Foot Care service were also showcased. Over 150 people attended and enjoyed the event and tours. Attendees were inspired by the large variety of activities especially designed for adults.
- Monterey and People Meeting People Dance Association partnered to host the Glitzy Affair special event September 21<sup>st</sup>. Almost 150 members and guests participated and enjoyed dressing to excess and watching the Vegas-style Elvis musical performance.
- September trips included: Salt Spring Island, Chemainus, and Sidney.
- September is storage clean up month at Monterey. Club volunteers and staff took part in the annual exercise of editing storage spaces so they are uncluttered and functional for users.
- September free talk presented by the Monterey Recreation Activity Association Wellness Committee included "Lifting Fallen Spirits and Chasing Away the Blues" by Margaret Trenchard on September 13<sup>th</sup> and "Arthritis Medication and You" on September 18<sup>th</sup> by the Victoria Arthritis Society.
- Oak Bay Volunteer Services held a lobby display September 15<sup>th</sup>. Members enjoyed seeing all the services available to Oak Bay residents. Their new Executive Director, Renee Lorme-Gulbrandsen, participated in the display and introduced herself to Monterey Members.
- Popular courses this fall include: Zumba Gold 50+, Kundalini Yoga, Qi Gong, Yin Yoga, French for Beginners, Nuline Dancing, iPhone, Bridge Play of the Hand, Social Ballroom Dance, Philosopher's Café, Vocal Techniques, Aging Backwards and Inside Paris an Unforgettable Tour.

### **Arena / Teens / Indoor Sports Field**

- Summer is over and the indoor sports field is picking up with regular fall bookers starting mid to late September. Summer is a gradual lead into the busy October to March months. In addition, this year in September many adult user groups are booking the turf every night and most nights until past midnight.
- Soccertron fall programs start the last week of September and already all the courses are nearly full for all the age groups.
- Offered new this fall are Indoor Turf birthday parties including: bubble soccer, glow in the dark dodge ball, archery tag and coming soon, laser tag. These parties are one hour on the turf for the activity and then 45 minutes in a party room located in the Neighborhood Learning Centre.
- The fall adult hockey league is nearly full with 120/128 players and 8/8 goalies.



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- The Learn to skate sessions on Mondays and Saturdays started the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Novice Hockey League (NHL) started September 8<sup>th</sup>. The DUCKS (ages 5-8yrs) were full by mid-August and has a waitlist of 5. The older age groups are also popular running at nearly full. A large part of this program's success is due in part to the free hockey gear lend out program for participants. This season over 30 participants utilized this program, decreasing the barrier of equipment cost being a reason many families would otherwise not sign up their kids for ice hockey.
- For the first time in many years the lunch time drop in duffer hockey is not being offered 5 days a week. Due to low attendance in the last couple seasons, the sessions were reduced to three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. These days were strategically set to not conflict with other local arenas' drop in hockey sessions. The Over 40's and Over 50's morning drop in duffer hockey sessions have been very popular with full attendance. In reaction to the high demand, Over 40's and Over 50's drop in duffer is now running 5 times a week Monday to Friday.

## Tennis

- Block Booking is moving towards an online system instead of a lottery draw which occurs three times a year. A new registration system was piloted on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Block Booking day and was able to accommodate everyone who attended.
- Fall lesson programs are now successfully underway. A new citywide children's league will be starting up at Oak Bay on the first Friday of every month.
- Oak Bay High School's physical education tennis program is using the facility from September 11<sup>th</sup> until November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, Monterey Recreation Centre, 11:30am-1:30pm.
- Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, **ArtsAlive Painted Piano Cabaret & Sale**, Oak Bay Marina Dockside Eatery, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
- Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, **'Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age'**, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time. Dave Dunnet Community Theatre, Oak Bay High, 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, **Cassie and Maggie MacDonald** perform in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner, music at 7:30 pm.
- Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, **Love Songs & Crepes, Celebrating French Culture Event**, Monterey Recreation Centre 5:30pm-9:00pm
- Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, **Turkey Kindergym**, Henderson Recreation Centre, 11:00am-12noon
- Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, **Thanksgiving Kindergym**, Henderson Recreation Centre, 11:00am-12noon
- Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, **Groove Kitchen** performs in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner, music at 7:30 pm.
- Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, **The Fretless** perform in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner, music at 7:30 pm.
- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Theatre performer TJ Dawe's most recent solo show, **Roller Coaster**, Dave Dunnet Community Theatre, doors 7:30pm, Show 8pm.
- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> TJ Dawe's 2-day Intensive workshop for adults, **"How to Create Your Own Solo Show"** at Oak Bay High School, 11am – 5pm. Bursaries are available.
- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, **40th Annual Oak Leaves Bazaar**, Monterey Recreation Centre, 9:00am-1:00pm.

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- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, **Oktoberfest**, Monterey Recreation Centre, 5:30pm-8:30pm.
- Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, **Halloween Fall Family Fest**, Henderson Recreation Centre, 6:00-8:00pm.
- Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, **The Jeremy Kittle Trio** perform in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner, music at 7:30 pm.
- Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, **Halloween Kindergym**, Henderson Recreation Centre, 11:00am-12noon
- Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, **Halloween Kindie Craft** –11:30am-12:15pm
- Saturday & Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, **Oak Bay Artists' Studio Tour**, noon to 4:30 pm.

## **Maintenance**

- Quotes were received for the replacement of Henderson's lower roof. Alpha Roofing is the successful contractor and work should commence in the next 2 to 3 weeks.
- The lighting upgrade in the Garry Oak room at Monterey Recreation Centre has been awarded to Houle Electrical. They are in the process of ordering the materials and scheduling the retrofitting of the existing fluorescent tubes with wirelessly controlled dimmable LED lights.
- New flooring has arrived for under the treadmills in the Oak Bay fitness studio. The new flooring should help reduce the noise transfer to the offices below.
- New rubber flooring has also been installed in the 4 court tennis bubble lobby. The department is still awaiting the CSA approval for the replacement LED lights in both tennis bubbles.

## **Parks**

- Parks staff will be soon be installing the new swing set at Oakdowne Park.
- The Marine kiosk is now completed at Cattlepoint.
- A new Nottingham Park sign has been installed.
- A new split rail fence has been installed behind the putting green at Henderson Rec Center.
- Rugby and Soccer are in full swing at Henderson, Carnarvon and Windsor Park.
- Parks staff continue to spend some time removing death cap mushrooms from the certain municipal boulevards.

## **Tree Report**

### **For the month of September.**

The arborist crew has continued removing birch trees infested with Bronze Birch Borer on upper Henderson Road.

### **Public Property**

Parks staff removed 10 boulevard trees from public property this month.

### **Private Property**

33 permits were issued under the Tree Protection Bylaw. 15 removal permits were received for the removal of 12 trees protected under the Tree Protection Bylaw one undersized tree and two removals were denied. These permits were issued because the trees were dead, diseased, dying or structurally unsound or removed for construction. 6 of the trees were Garry oaks. One replacement tree is required. 20 permits were issued for pruning protected trees.

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**Security Deposit and Enforcement**

One security deposit was collected this month. None were forfeited due to non-compliance with conditions on deposits as required by the bylaw. The bylaw requires security deposits to ensure care of required replacement trees; deposits are held by the Municipality for 3 years pending satisfactory planting and care of required replacement trees. Forfeited deposits go to the Parks tree purchase account.

**Work Orders**

In this period we received 73 calls for service and closed 60.